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SUBJECT: GOA RECOGNITION OF GRUNK; UN TO USE AUSTRALIAN C-130'S
FOR INDOCHINA RELIEF WORK

1. RENOUF (SECRETARY OF DEPT. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE AT NOON APRIL 17 TO SAY THAT FONMIN WILLESEE WILL BE ISSUING STATEMENT AT 11:00 PM. TONIGHT (APRIL 17 LOCAL TIME) ANNOUNCING AUSTRALIA'S RECOGNITION OF GRUNK. HE ADDED THAT FONOFF WISHED TO HAVE WAITED OUT LONGER, BUT MINISTERS HAVE BEEN PRESSING THIS DECISION FOR SOME TIME.

2. RENOUF ALSO INFORMED ME THAT BECAUSE OF SERVICING PROBLEMS AT BUTTERWORTH BASE IN MALAYSIA AND GOM STICKINESS ON REQUIRING CLEARANCES FOR EACH FLIGHT, AUSTRALIA WILL BE REMOVING ITS SEVEN C-130'S FROM BUTTERWORTH.

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THE FIRST THREE WILL BE WITHDRAWN THIS WEEKEND AND THE

REMAINING FOUR WILL BE PHASED OUT AS EACH PLANE REQUIRES
SERVICING HERE, WITH LAST DEPARTING ON MAY 23. MEANWHILE,
RENOUF CONTINUED, GOA HAS WORKED OUT ARRANGEMENTS WITH
UN SECRETARY GENERAL FOR TURNING OVER TWO C-130'S TO
UN OVER NEXT THREE MONTHS FOR RELIEF OPERATIONS IN
VIETNAM FLYING UNDER UN EMBLEM, AUSTRALIA OFFERED
A THIRD C-130, BUT SO FAR SEC GEN HAS NOT ACCEPTED OFFER OF THIRD
PLANE. GOA OFFER OF PLANES TO UN WILL BE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEKEND.
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